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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SORAOKA et al

Serial No.: 10/826,386

Filed: April 19, 2004

For: Vacuum Processing Apparatus And Semiconductor  
Manufacturing Line Using The Same

Art Unit: 3652

Examiner: T. Brahan

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 15, 2005

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned, acknowledge receipt of a Notice of Non-Compliant mailed June 16, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application. The notice alleges the amendment filed March 18, 2005 to be Non-Compliant for failing to provide a complete listing of the claims with proper status identifiers. However, since a complete listing of claims was not required with the Supplemental Response filed March 18, 2005, the notice is in error and should be withdrawn.

The Supplemental Response filed March 18, 2005 amended the specification at page 1, line 1, to update the reference to the parent applications. The Supplemental Response did not include any changes to the claims. Under 37 CFR 1.121(c), a complete listing of all claims is required only where an amendment "includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition


of a new claim." Since the Supplemental Response filed March 18, 2005 did not include a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim, or addition of a new claim, a complete listing of all claims was not required.

It is noted that a complete listing of the claims with proper status identifiers appears in the Preliminary Amendment July 16, 2004. Should the Examiner need a copy of that Preliminary Amendment or should the Examiner otherwise need a separate listing of the claims, he is invited to request such a listing from the undersigned.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.34692V17), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan E. Schiavelli', is written over a horizontal line.

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